

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are presently pending in the application. Reconsideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Wang et al. However, the Examiner has found Claims 2, 3, and 5 allowable if rewritten into independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Applicant respectfully points out to the Examiner that Claims 2 and 5 were rewritten into independent form in the 111 Amendment dated December 24, 2002, and thus, Claims 2-3 and 5 should stand allowed.

Claim 1 has been amended to correct for a grammatical error, and to further define the operation of the selection circuit.

For the following reasons, the prior art rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Applicant respectfully submits that Wang et al. do not teach or suggest a semiconductor device including a selection circuit for selectively operating only one of the plurality of mounted logic circuits, wherein each of the plurality of mounted logic circuits is operated by setting an SEL signal for turning on/off a transistor for each of the mounted logic circuits, to one of a high and a low level, as recited in amended Claim 1.

Rather, Wang et al. are silent with respect to this feature.

Accordingly, Claim 1 is not anticipated by Wang et al., and the rejection of Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) should be withdrawn.

Further, since Claim 4 depends from Claim 1, it is also patentably distinguishable over Wang et al. for the reasons cited above with respect to Claim 1.

If the Examiner believes that there is any issue which could be resolved by a telephone or personal interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee for such an extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-3140.

Respectfully submitted,

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